

REVISED EQIP COST LIST PROTOCOLS**General Information Statewide**

These protocols are to be used with the Division cost lists to determine the appropriate costs to use in the development of contracts that involve the cost sharing of conservation practices. The appropriate District Conservationist is responsible for ensuring that NRCS planning and contracting policies for the appropriate program are followed.

Costs shown for practices or components on the cost list represent all costs associated with their application, including (but not limited to) transportation, materials and appurtenances, labor, and installation unless specified as otherwise within these protocols or on the cost list itself. Installation of used equipment is allowed providing that equipment is completely refurbished to the equivalent of new equipment. Cost share will not be allowed for installation of used equipment that does not meet this requirement, based on the judgement of the District Conservationist in consultation with appropriate staff.

Total cost-share for installation of all irrigation systems is limited to a maximum of \$50,000 per system. In most cases, a system is defined as all fields in a planning unit that fall under the same irrigation practice standard and are fed by water entering the farm at one location. For further guidance on definition of irrigation systems, contact the Assistant State Conservationist for Programs.

Total cost-share for installation of all components to construct an “Animal Waste System” will be cost-shared at the 50% rate and the cap for cost-share is raised to \$100,000 total cost share of all components combined.

Practice Code 312 (Animal Waste System) is NO LONGER VALID and may not be used. Animal waste systems will be constructed using various individual components such as “Waste Storage Facility”, “Manure Transfer” “Heavy Use Protection”, etc.

Management Practices: It has been determined that the purpose of management practices is to introduce and educate a producer on the particular methods and actions needed to adopt a new style of management activity. Management practice incentives are not associated with a particular land unit as is a structural practice. However, this does not mean that in contracting these practices, a specific land unit on which the management will be applied does not need to be documented. It is necessary to document this information in order to determine compliance with the contract. All management practices are limited to a maximum of 3 years per person or entity. An exception to the 3 year maximum participation rule may be granted in limited circumstances when the resource environment that the practice was originally planned for is significantly different. For further guidance, contact the EQIP program manager for more information.

Ineligible Costs: THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR COST-SHARE OR INCENTIVE PAYMENTS:

- Treatments to control insects, diseases, rodents, and nematode, unless authorized for a particular practice

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- Weed control measures, unless authorized for a particular practice
- Mowing pastures, chopping or shredding residues from crops "for insect control", unless authorized for a particular practice
- Costs of supplemental requirements, such as abstaining from harvesting, protection from fire or grazing and similar provisions for which no payment is authorized
- Non-USDA fees such as permit fees
- Loss or reduction in revenue from the land
- Practices installed solely for production purposes
- Engines and motors
 - Exception:** Permanently installed engines and/or motors that are required as an integral part of a conservation practice and which addresses air quality resource concerns in non-attainment areas may be eligible; as determined by the NRCS Designated Conservationist.
- Pumps and pumping equipment
 - Exception:** Permanently installed pumps and pumping equipment that are required as an integral part of an animal waste storage system, tail-water recovery system, or as part of a conservation management system that primarily addresses irrigation induced erosion, water quality, or water conservation may be eligible as determined by the NRCS Designated Conservationist.
Portable pumps and pumping equipment for providing stock water may be eligible, as determined by the NRCS Designated Conservationist.
- Electric power hook-ups
 - Exception:** Electric power hook-ups which address multiple resource concerns and utilize a renewable power source "and" are an integral part of a livestock or wildlife water delivery system where other power sources are impractical or energy conservation measures are in place. No power supply which requires the stringing of poles is authorized.
- Dry wells
- Boundary fences
 - Exception:** Boundary or property line fences may be eligible, as determined by the NRCS Designated Conservationist, ONLY if:
 - (1) the fence is an integral part of a conservation management system, such as a planned grazing system that facilitates improved management of grazing land, or protects certain areas from livestock when it is necessary for proper use of the area, or
 - (2) the area adjacent to the boundary fence is vital to the success of the conservation management system
- Producer's transportation costs, unless authorized by a particular practice
- Providing land or the right to use water
- Rent or other costs of using land
- Extents greater than technically needed to meet the minimum practice standards
- Water supplies for human consumption. (Residential use water supplies are not cost shareable)
- Livestock buildings
 - Exception:** Buildings as determined by the Designated Conservationist to be a necessary component of an animal waste system. Cost sharing will be prorated to

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that portion of the building solely used for animal waste handling or to achieve the water quality purpose.

Statewide Specific Practice/Component Protocols

Anionic Polyacrylamide, Erosion Control (450) - Cost sharing is only authorized where the use of PAM is not an established practice and is limited to a maximum of 3 years per person or entity.

Composting Facility (317) – Costs will be based upon a specific job estimate. Cost sharing is allowed only for fixed structural components. This does not include machinery used for turning compost or to transport raw materials or compost to or from the facility. This practice is considered a component contributing to the \$50,000 maximum allowance for installation of a Waste Management System.

Conservation Crop Rotation (328) - There is no cost share allowed for this practice per Idaho Bulletin 300-4-5.

Irrigation Land Leveling (464) – Cost share for this practice will be limited to a maximum of 100 acres per contract. Cost share is not allowed for conversion of non-irrigated areas to irrigation, or to facilitate conversion of sprinkler or micro-irrigation systems to surface irrigation. Cost share is limited to a maximum of \$100 cost share per acre (\$200/Ac. @ 50%).

Irrigation System, Micro-Irrigation (441) – System costs include pumps, sump structures, filters, valves, electrical panels, mainlines, sub-mains, micro sprinklers, drip lines, and all appurtenances. Costs for delivery pipelines and associated structures needed to get water to the field(s) where the system is installed are not included, and must be specified as separate components when necessary but are included in the \$50,000 maximum cost share limitation. Electrical power hook-up including hard wiring or any other device which provides the same function (i.e. generators, solar panels, etc.) is not eligible for cost-share. Cost share for components that have a useful life of less than 3 years may not be cost shared; ie, temporary drip tape that will not be recovered and used multiple years. Cost share is not allowed for power poles, power lines, transformers, switches, or any other component associated with bringing power from the source to the electrical panel and/or phase converter. Cost share is not allowed for conversion of non-irrigated areas to irrigation, or to replace one micro-irrigation system with another. Cost-share will not exceed \$50,000 per system, including costs for conveyance pipelines, structures, and all practices applied to facilitate installation of the system.

Irrigation System, Sprinkler (442) – System costs include all components needed for the system. These costs include pumps, sump structures, valves, electrical panels, sprinklers, and all appurtenances. Costs for delivery pipelines and associated structures needed to get water to the field(s) where the system is installed are not included, and must be specified as separate components when necessary but are included in the \$50,000 maximum cost share limitation. Electrical power hook-up including hard wiring or any other device which provides the same

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function (i.e. generators, solar panels, etc.) is not eligible for cost-share. Cost share is not allowed for power poles, power lines, transformers, switches, or any other component associated with bringing power from the source to the electrical panel and/or phase converter. Cost share is not allowed for conversion of non-irrigated areas to irrigation, replacement of micro-irrigation systems, or replacement of one sprinkler system with another. Cost-share will not exceed \$50,000 per system, including costs for conveyance pipelines, structures, and all practices applied to facilitate installation of the system.

Irrigation System, Surface or Subsurface (443) – With the exception of surge irrigation systems and valves and hydrants, most components for conventional surface irrigation systems are listed separately under appropriate component practice codes and names. Replacement of one surface irrigation system with another should not be cost shared unless there are significant benefits to identified resource concerns. Cost share is not allowed for conversion of non-irrigated areas to irrigation, or replacement of micro-irrigation or sprinkler systems. Electrical power hook-up including hard wiring or any other device which provides the same function (i.e. Generators, solar panels, etc.) is not eligible for cost-share. Cost share is not allowed for power poles, power lines, transformers, switches, or any other component associated with bringing power from the source to the electrical panel and/or phase converter. Cost share is not allowed for conversion of non-irrigated areas to irrigation. Regardless of the component practices used, cost-share will not exceed \$50,000 per system, including costs for conveyance pipelines, structures, pumps, panels, phase converters and all other practices applied to facilitate installation of the system.

Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface (443), Surge Irrigation – System cost includes trunk lines, gated pipe, surge valves and controllers, alfalfa valves, hydrants, and other appurtenances. Pumps, electrical panels, phase converters, water control structures and conveyance pipelines that bring water to the field being treated are not included and must be specified as separate components when necessary but are included in the \$50,000 maximum cost share limitation. Electrical power hook-up including hard wiring or any other device which provides the same function (i.e. generators, solar panels, etc.) is not eligible for cost-share. Cost share is not allowed for power poles, power lines, transformers, switches, or any other component associated with bringing power from the source to the electrical panel and/or phase converter. Cost share is not allowed for conversion of non-irrigated areas to irrigation, replacement of micro-irrigation systems, replacement of sprinkler systems, or replacement of one surge irrigation system with another. Cost-share will not exceed \$50,000 per system, including costs for conveyance pipelines, structures, pumps, panels, phase converters and all other practices applied to facilitate installation of the system.

Mulching (484) – This practice applies only to straw mulching of irrigation furrows. Cost share payments will not be made for isolated mulching of headlands or furrow ends.

Nutrient Management (590) – Cost sharing for consultant developed nutrient management plans for AFO/CAFOs is limited to one plan per contract. Cost sharing will be limited to a maximum of three years per person or entity.

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CNMP 590 Plans – Applications that are for only a CNMP (Nutrient Management Plans that include application of animal waste) will receive a ranking of “High Priority” in Protracts if they are applications that include only the 590 Nutrient Management – CNMP as the only practice. Applicants who are applying for animal waste treatment structural practices are required to have a CNMP developed. These applicants have the option to have their request for the CNMP in a separate application that will be funded exclusive of the application for other practices. It is the producer’s choice to separate. **Dairy operations are excluded.**

Nutrient Management cost calculation – The Nutrient Management practice must be entered as “acres”. The costs associated with this practice are intended to assist with the costs to develop a nutrient management (CNMP or NMP) plan the first year and the costs of soil nutrient tests (1 per field). The costs the second year include the soil nutrient test and the annual field fertilizer budget. The following formula will be used to calculate cost share rates for the 590 Nutrient Management practice:

First Year Costs CNMP (animal waste used):

- If TSP or Landowner developed CNMP First Year = $\$750 \text{ (plan)} + (\$55 \times \text{No. of Fields}) / \text{Total No. of Acres in fields covered in CNMP} = \text{Cost/Acre at Flat Rate (FR)/Acre}$
- If NRCS developed CNMP First Year = $\$55 \times \text{No. of Fields} / \text{Total No. of Acres in fields covered in CNMP} = \text{Cost/Acre at Flat Rate (FR)/Acre}$

Second and Third Year Costs CNMP (animal waste used):

- If TSP or Landowner developed field budget with soils tests = $\text{No. of Fields} \times \$70 / \text{Total No. of Acres in fields covered in CNMP} = \text{Cost/Acre at Flat Rate (FR)/Acre}$
- If NRCS developed field budget with soils tests = $\text{No. of Fields} \times \$55 / \text{Total No. of Acres in fields covered in CNMP} = \text{Cost/Acre at Flat Rate (FR)/Acre}$

First Year Costs NMP (commercial fertilizer):

- If TSP or Landowner developed NMP First Year = $\$70 \times \text{No. of fields} / \text{Total No. of Acres in fields covered in NMP} = \text{Cost/Acre at Flat Rate (FR)/Acre}$
- If NRCS developed NMP First Year = $\$55 \times \text{No. of fields} / \text{Total No. of Acres in fields covered in NMP} = \text{Cost/Acre at Flat Rate (FR)/Acre}$

Second and Third Year Costs NMP (commercial fertilizer):

- If TSP or Landowner developed field budget with soils tests = $\text{No. of Fields} \times \$70 / \text{Total No. of Acres in fields covered in NMP} = \text{Cost/Acre at Flat Rate (FR)/Acre}$
- If NRCS developed field budget with soils tests = $\text{No. of Fields} \times \$55 / \text{Total No. of Acres in fields covered in NMP} = \text{Cost/Acre at Flat Rate (FR)/Acre}$

Pest Management (595) – Cost sharing is allowed only for control of noxious weeds identified by the State of Idaho and occurring in non-cropland areas, at a maximum of \$5000 per year and three years per person or entity. **Pest Management will not be cost shared on cropland.**

Prescribed Grazing (528) – 528 A is no longer a valid practice code. This practice will only be cost shared if the producer develops and implements a prescribed grazing system. Cost share payment will not exceed \$1000/yr and is limited to 3 years per person or entity. Maximum Flat Rate cost share is \$1 per acre.

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Pumping Plant for Water Control (533) – Costs for components of this practice are already included as part of the cost for micro-irrigation and sprinkler irrigation systems. Do not duplicate cost share of this component for these practices. Variable speed pumps will not exceed the horsepower rating of the existing pump. Electrical power hook-up including hard wiring or any other device which provides the same function (i.e. Generators, solar panels, etc.) is not eligible for cost share. Cost share is not allowed for power poles, power lines, transformers, switches, or any other component associated with bringing power from the source to the electrical panel and/or phase converter.

Residue Management Practices – General Considerations – For the purpose of limitations and maximum cost share payments, all Residue Management practices will be considered together rather than as separate practices. A person may select one or several Residue Management practice types for cost share. The maximum amount a person or entity may receive in any one year is \$9,000 total for Residue Management practices. The maximum number of years a person or entity may participate in a cost share program for payments for a single or grouping of Residue Management practices is 3 years for a maximum cost share payments of \$27,000. **Example:** A person may cost share for NoTill on one portion of the farm and Mulch Till on a different portion of the farm, but cost share is limited to \$9,000 annually and \$27,000 over a three year period.

Residue Management, Direct Seed (777) – This flat rate cost will be used only if the producer is changing their current practices to meet the standard. Cost sharing for this practice is limited to \$9000/year and three years per person or entity. Flat rate cost share will not exceed \$30/acre.

Residue Management, No-Till & Strip Till (329A) -This flat rate cost will be used only if the producer is changing their current practices to meet the standard. Cost sharing for this practice is limited to \$9000/year and three years per person or entity. Flat rate cost share will not exceed \$30/acre.

Residue Management, Mulch-Till (329B) - This flat rate cost will be used only if the producer is changing from conventional tillage practices to meet the standard. Cost sharing for this practice is limited to \$9,000/year and three years per person or entity. Flat rate cost share will not exceed \$15/acre.

Residue Management, Ridge Till (329C) - This flat rate cost will be used only if the producer is changing their tillage practices to meet the standard.. Cost sharing for this practice is limited to \$9,000/year and three years per person or entity. Flat rate cost share will not exceed \$15/acre.

Subsurface Drain (606) – Use of this practice will be limited to situations where it will not result in loss of protected wetland areas.

Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (645) - This flat rate cost will be used only if the cooperator is changing their current primary land use to wildlife.

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Use Exclusion (472) – Payments for application of this practice will be limited to use of the practice in riparian areas. Payments will not be provided where adoption of the practice has already occurred.

Waste Management System (312) – This practice is no longer available. Animal waste systems will be constructed using various individual components such as “Waste Storage Facility”, “Manure Transfer” “Heavy Use Protection”, etc. Total cost for all components may not exceed \$100,000

Water Well – Livestock Watering (642) – Maximum depth will not exceed 500 feet for cost share consideration. Dry wells (unsuccessful) will receive no cost share.

Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (644) - This flat rate cost will be used only if the cooperator is changing their current primary land use to wildlife.

Division Specific Practice/Component Protocols

Local Work Groups set protocols specific to their area of responsibility. These Division specific rules are listed below and are in addition to the protocols above. A specific cost list was developed for Tribal lands with Tribal member owners or operators

Tribal Lands with Tribal Owner/Operators Cost List – This cost list is for Tribal lands with Tribal owners or operators only.

Pest Management (595) – Noxious weed control in Hayland has been approved for up to \$1,000 per year for 3 years per person or entity.

Prescribed Grazing (528) - The maximum cost share amount for this practice is \$1,000 per year for 3 years per person or entity.

Waste Management System (312) – Cost share is set at 75% with a maximum cost share amount of \$50,000 per system.

Division I

Watering Facility (614) – Electric pump – The maximum size pump is 5 Hp and excludes the power source.

Division II

Stream Habitat Improvement (395) – The maximum amount of cost share available will be \$20,000 for any person or entity in FY 2005.

Grade Stabilization Structure (410) – The maximum cost share per structure will be \$2,000

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Prescribed Grazing System (528) – The maximum cost share amount per year will be \$1,000. The practice is limited to 3 years per person or entity. **(Practice 528A is no longer a valid practice code.)**

Pumping Plant for Water Control (533) – The maximum cost share amount per practice is \$5,000

Access Road (560) – The maximum cost share amount for this practice is \$10,000

Heavy Use Protection Area (561) – The maximum cost share amount for this practice is \$2,500

Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580) – The maximum cost share amount for this practice is \$50,000

Stream Channel Stabilization (584) - The maximum cost share amount for this practice is \$20,000

Structure for Water Control (587) - The maximum cost share amount for this practice is \$10,000

Agrichemical Mixing Facility (702) - The maximum cost share amount for this practice is \$50,000

Division III

Channel Vegetation (322) - Costs will be based upon a specific job estimate and cost share will not exceed \$50,000 per contract.

Constructed Wetland (656) - Costs will be based upon a specific job estimate. Total cost share will not exceed \$50,000 per contract for this practice.

Heavy Use Area Protection (561) - This practice only applies to streambank protection, grazing management, and waste management systems in which the design of the system includes livestock ramps to protect sensitive areas such as streambanks or critical slopes.

Irrigation Land Leveling (464) – This practice will be applied only as a component of a surface irrigation system, and will be considered to contribute toward the \$50,000 per system maximum allowance. Cost share for this practice will be limited to a maximum of 100 acres per contract. Cost share is not allowed for conversion of non-irrigated areas to irrigation, or to facilitate conversion of sprinkler or micro-irrigation systems to surface irrigation.

Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface (443), Surge Irrigation – System cost includes trunk lines, gated pipe, surge valves and controllers, alfalfa valves, hydrants, and other appurtenances. Pumps, electrical panels, phase converters, water control structures and conveyance pipelines that bring water to the field being treated are not included and must be specified as separate components when necessary but are included in the \$50,000 maximum cost

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share limitation. Electrical power hook-up including hard wiring or any other device which provides the same function (i.e. generators, solar panels, etc.) is not eligible for cost-share. Cost share is not allowed for power poles, power lines, transformers, switches, or any other component associated with bringing power from the source to the electrical panel and/or phase converter. Cost share is not allowed for conversion of non-irrigated areas to irrigation, replacement of micro-irrigation systems, replacement of sprinkler systems, or replacement of one surge irrigation system with another. Cost-share will not exceed \$50,000 per system, including costs for conveyance pipelines, structures, pumps, panels, phase converters and all other practices applied to facilitate installation of the system.

Irrigation System, Surface or Subsurface (443), Valves, Hydrants & Head Control Devices

– This item is included on the cost list to account for in-line valves, head control devices, alfalfa valves, cast aluminum hydrants, etc. included in conventional surface irrigation systems that are not described by other practices or components. It does not apply to surge irrigation systems. Costs will be based upon a specific job estimate, and must be expressed in the contract on a per acre basis. All limitations specified previously under “Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface” will apply.

Irrigation Water Management (449), Standard Practice – This component of IWM is to be used for application of the Irrigation Water Management standard where intensive evaluations will not be completed.

Irrigation Water Management (449), Intensive Evaluation - This component of IWM is only to be used if the producer contracts with a certified crop management consultant who will provide irrigation water management recommendations throughout the irrigation season and uses advanced soil moisture sampling techniques such as tensiometers, neutron probe, or gypsum blocks.

Land Smoothing (466) – Cost share for this practice will be limited to a maximum of 40 acres per contract. Cost share is not allowed for conversion of non-irrigated areas to irrigation, or to facilitate conversion of sprinkler or micro-irrigation systems to surface irrigation.

Sediment Basin (350) – Component size classification are meant to simplify cost estimation. Use whichever cost estimate best fits the given situation.

Stream Channel Stabilization (584) - Costs will be based upon a specific job estimate and cost share will not exceed \$50,000 per contract.

Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580) - Costs will be based upon a specific job estimate and cost share will not exceed \$50,000 per contract.

Structure for Water Control (587) – Costs for this practice are already included as part of the cost for micro-irrigation and sprinkler irrigation systems. Do not duplicate cost share of this component for these practices.

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Subsurface Drain (606) – Use of this practice will be limited to situations where it will not result in loss of protected wetland areas.

Surface Roughening (609) -This practice will only be used if the producer is located in a wind erosion problem area and the practice is needed to bring wind erosion soil loss to the RMS level. Cost share is limited to 3 years per contract and will not be allowed where the cooperator has previously adopted this practice.

Wetland Creation (658) - Costs will be based upon a specific job estimate and cost share is limited to a maximum of \$50,000 per contract.

Wetland Enhancement (659) - Costs will be based upon a specific job estimate and cost share is limited to a maximum of \$50,000 per contract.

Wetland Restoration (657) - Costs will be based upon a specific job estimate and cost share is limited to a maximum of \$50,000 per contract.

Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380) - The cost basis is per foot of tree or shrub row and includes any needed irrigation components and/or fabric mulch.

Tree/Shrub Establishment (612). This is predicated on a 10 x 10 foot tree planting spacing.

Conditions:	Unit:	Actual Cost/Unit:	Suggested Method	Notes & examples:
Conifer seedlings used to re-seed forest lands to desired stocking levels. <u>WITHOUT</u> vexar type tree protective devices.	Acre	\$285	AM	Tree cost = 35¢, planting/labor/storage = 30¢
Conifer seedlings <u>WITH</u> vexar type tree protective devices or other approved plant protection methods.	Acre	\$605	AM	Tree cost = 35¢, planting/labor = 30¢, chemical weed control = 20¢, tree tubes and stakes = 20¢, tree tube, installation = 34¢

Forest Site Preparation (490). NOTE: Site preparation is a separate activity done in anticipation of natural or artificial seedling establishment.

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Conditions:	Unit:	Actual Cost/Unit:	Suggested Method	Notes & examples:
In forested conditions in Idaho this is mostly used to eliminate heavy brush or other competing vegetation to improve conditions for establishing seedlings. Often times brush blades or mastication methods are used, and piling and burning slash is required.	Acre	\$150	AM	Light site prep, such as broadcast application of Pronone the season prior to seedling establishment.
	Acre	\$350	AM	Heavy site prep, excavator or blade @\$300/acre and pile and burn @ \$50/acre, or higher cost chemical applications.

Forest Stand Improvement (666): Pre-commercial Thinning

Factors important in thinning include:

- Number of stems removed per acre
- Diameter & height of trees removed
- Steepness of the site
- Remoteness & accessibility
- Compliance with IDL Forest Practice Act fuel reduction mandates.
- Compatibility with producer objectives, mainly in terms of under-story grazing opportunities.
- Nutrient considerations regarding the amount of limiting elements contained in slash and fine needles.

Conditions:	Unit:	Actual Cost/Unit:	Suggested Method	Notes & examples:
<u>NO SLASH REMOVAL COSTS.</u> <u>SLASH CAN BE:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Left on site with lop and lay or lop and scatter. 	Acre	\$225	AM	Flat slopes, and/or few trees (<1,000) removed per acre, and/or easy to treat slash.
	Acre	\$450	AM	Steeper slopes, and/or intermediate numbers of trees (1,000 to 3,000) removed, moderately difficult slash treatment.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chipped and removed and used as hog fuel at a “break even” cost. Broken up in a mastication or flail type thinning operation. 	Acre	\$700	AM	Steep slopes, and/or large diameter or taller trees, and/or large numbers of trees (> 3,000) to remove per acre, and difficult slash treatment.
	Acre	\$1500	AM	Extremely steep slopes and/or large trees with interlocking canopy and/or very high stem counts (>3,500 tpa) and difficult slash treatment.

Forest Stand Improvement (666): Pre-commercial Thinning

Conditions:	Unit:	Actual Cost/Unit:	Suggested Method	Notes & examples:
<u>SLASH IS REMOVED.</u> <u>REASONS TO REMOVE SLASH:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To allow under-story grazing in the thinned stand. To eliminate the amount of fuel buildup as a result of cutting stems For aesthetic purposes. <p>COSTS FOR THINNING WITH SLASH REMOVAL REFLECT AN AVERAGE OF \$250 PER ACRE OVER THE COSTS WITHOUT REMOVAL.</p>	Acre	\$475	AM	Flat slopes, and/or few trees (<1,000) removed per acre, and/or easy to treat slash.
	Acre	\$700	AM	Steeper slopes, and/or intermediate numbers of trees (1,000 to 3,000) removed moderately difficult slash treatment.
	Acre	\$950	AM	Steep slopes, and/or large diameter or taller trees, and/or large numbers of trees (> 3,000) to remove per acre, and difficult slash treatment.
	Acre	\$1750	AM	Extremely steep slopes and/or large trees with interlocking canopy and/or very high stem counts (>3,500 tpa) and difficult slash treatment.

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Prescribed Grazing (528) - The maximum cost share amount for this practice is \$1,000 per year for 3 years per person or entity. **(Practice 528A is no longer a valid practice code.)**

Job Estimate Requirements: The following practices require the applicant to provide NRCS with a job estimate:

- Irrigation Canal or Lateral (320)
- Dam, Diversion (348)
- Dike (356)
- Dam (402)
- Grade Stabilization Structure (410)
- Pumping Plant for Water Control (533) – Livestock facility
- Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580)
- Tree and Shrub Establishment (612)
- Forest Harvest Trails and Landings (655)
- Constructed Wetland (656)
- Wetland Enhancement (659)
- Irrigation Water Conveyance – Pipe sizes 24 inches in diameter and above (430DD)
- Structure for Water Control (587A)

Division V

Prescribed Grazing (528) - The maximum cost share amount for this practice is \$1,000 per year for 3 years. **(Practice 528A is no longer a valid practice code.)**

Division VI

Cover Crop (340) - The maximum cost share amount for this practice is \$10,000.

Irrigation System (442) – Sprinkler, New - The maximum cost share amount for this practice is the lesser of \$310 per acre or \$50,000 per system at 50% cost share rate. *For Limited Resource or Beginning Farmers, the maximum cost share amount is the lesser of \$465 per acre or \$50,000 per system at 75% cost share rate.*

Irrigation System (442) – Sprinkler, Used – *The maximum cost share amount for this practice is the lesser of \$155 per acre or \$50,000 per system at 25% cost share rate. For Limited Resource or Beginning Farmers, the maximum cost share amount is the lesser of \$310 per acre or \$50,000 per system at 50% cost share rate.*

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Use Exclusion (472) – Riparian Zone – Cost share shall be available for a maximum of 3 years.

Pumping Plant (533) - The maximum cost share amount for this practice is \$10,000.

Structure for Water Control (587) - The maximum cost share amount for this practice is \$10,000.

Water Well (642) – Livestock Well - The maximum cost share amount for this practice is \$10,000.